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Date _____

STAAR ESSAY- EXPOSITORY

READ the following quotations.

“A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.” - George Bernard Shaw

“All men make mistakes, but only wise men learn from their mistakes.” - Winston Churchill

WRITE an essay explaining why it is important to learn from our mistakes.

Be sure to-

- Clearly state your controlling idea (Make sure your THESIS STATEMENT is CLEAR and defined!)
- **Organize** and **develop** your explanation effectively
- Choose your words carefully
- Use correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar

You may use the space below to plan your composition.

Expository Quick Outline

Opening Paragraph

Hook (Draw the reader in/ SHOW don't tell!):

Thesis statement (A complete and direct sentence that outlines your position on the prompt and the reasons, goals, or solutions you have) If you take a **UNIQUE approach, you will most likely score higher!**:

Key Word from Prompt

Strong Assertive Verb

Finish Phrase

Body Paragraph 1

Idea/Topic to support thesis:

Supporting Evidence/Anecdote:

Body Paragraph 2

Idea/Topic to support thesis:

Supporting Evidence/Anecdote:

Concluding Paragraph

Connect ideas together:

Bookend (connect back to your hook/ remember a CATHARSIS must be made and EXTENDED!):